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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the 06/15/2007 Office Action, applicants submit (1) amended specification at page 2 and claims and (2) amended claim beginning at page 3.

Accompanying this response is a Rule 131 declaration by co-inventor Lori J. Pike. The declaration shows that one or more claims were reduced to practice prior to 08/04/1998, the date Flieger (US5789048) became available as reference, according to MPEP 2126.01, for a 103 analysis.

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